GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan Government has banned any assistance or cooperation between Pakistan and Indian educational, Professional and Research Institutions with immediate effect;

(b) if so, the reasons advanced by Pakistan authorities behind this decision;

(c) whether India has also taken any decision in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d) As per the information received from Ministry of External Affairs and High Commission of India in Islamabad, anews item that appeared in the November 6,2001 issue of the 'Dawn' indicated that the Government of Pakistan had banned any cooperation between India and Pakistani educational, professional and research institutions without Government approval with immediate effect. The Government of Pakistan has not issued any formal public statement inthis regard. There have been no further corroborative reports also to substantiate the news item. The Government of India has, therefore, not taken any action in this regard.